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(SBU) Ambassador used the opportunity of previously scheduled meetings on June 17 to raise U.S. concerns in reftel, and supposed Jordanian support for the International Drug Purchase Facility (UNITAID), with Foreign Minister Abdelelah Al-Khatib. FM Khatib was generally aware of the proposal, but reiterated that such a tax required legislative action the GOJ was not interested in pursuing. Subsequent to the Ambassador's discussions, an MFA official advised poloff that a draft law, which included the proposed tax, had been pending with Parliament for some time, and showed no signs of movement. If the bill were reintroduced, it would be easy to strike the ticket tax language. Post will monitor the situation and report any further developments.

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